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4.		The US has been elected (Article 31).						
5.		A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] a.						
6.		An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. a.						
7.		Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made.						
8.		An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].						
9.		An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].						
10.		An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].						
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11.		An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.						
12.		An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.						
13.		A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.						
14.		An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.						
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16.		A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.						
17.		A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.						
18.		A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).						
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Sir:

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a copy of the translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability which was issued in the related International Application. The references cited therein have already been disclosed by Applicants in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 20, 2006.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is no fee required for this submission, however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

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